State/System/Region	Requirement (MU)	Availability (MU)
Kerala	7192	7117
Tamil Nadu	27152	27094
Pondicherry	911	911
Sourthern Region	**83383**	**82265**
Bihar	4071	3925
DVC	5251	5210
Jharkhand	2030	1990
Orissa	7995	7971
West Bengal + Sikkim	13961	13804
Eastern Region	**33308**	32900
Arunachal Pradesh	91	91
Assam	2264	2158
Manipur	316	310
Meghalaya	785	709
Mizoram	131	122
Nagaland	193	190
Tripura	422	390
North-Eastern Region	**4202**	**3970**
All India	338446	**318006**

Private participation in the Modernisation and Upgradation of Power Sector

651. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy towards allowing private participation in the modernization and upgradation of power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India issued guidelines for private sector participation in the field of Renovation and Modernization (R&M) of old

power plants in October, 1995. The policy envisages various options for private sector participation such as (i) lease, rehabilitate, operate and transfer (LROT); (ii) sale of plant and (iii) joint venture between State Electricity Boards (SEBs) and private companies. These options, are, however, only illustrative. The choice and initiatitve clearly lies with the States and power utilities owning the plants. Further, guidelines have also been issued in January, 2004 for undertaking R&M and life extension works in respect of thermal power plants.

Incentives Under APDRP

652. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government of India has decided to reward the reformist States under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;

(c) whether Government has identified any States for giving rewards;

(d) if so, the States which have been selected under this programme;

(e) whether any guidelines have been issued to meet the criteria set by the Union Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the incentive component of Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for upgradation and strengthening of the sub-transmission and distribution, State Electricity Boards/Utilities reducing cash losses from year 2001-02 are eligible for grant to the extent of 50 per cent of actual cash loss reduction effected. For grant of incentive, financial year 2000-01 is taken as the base year.

(c) and (d) States who have effected cash loss reduction and whose accounts are duly audited by the Comptroller & Auditor General of the State or statutory auditor are eligible for incentive under APDRP. The States